20% of the registered capital or voting rights held directly or indirectly by foreign nationals other than those belonging to European Community cannot be granted licences to participate in the domestic telecommunication sector in France. Similarly, telecommunication services pertaining to telephone services between fixed points and telex services have been reserved for the public telecommunication operator — France Telecom only.

7. SINGAPORE

In Singapore, foreign participation in basic telecom services is not permitted at present. In the Value Added Services, there is no foreign participation restriction and each case is considered on case by case basis.

8. VIETNAM

In the area of domestic telecommunication services in Vietnam, foreign equity participation is not permitted. Involvement of foreign companies in the form of contractual business cooperation without equity participation is allowed. For manufacture of telecommunication equipment equity participation of upto 99% (but in practice only upto 70%) is permitted.

Drop in the Number of Sub-Urban Railway Passengers

2188. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a drop in the sub-urban railway passenger kilometers as well as the number of sub-urban passengers;

(b) if so, what is the position for the last three years; and

(c) what is being done to improve this position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There is no decline in Suburban Passenger Kilometres and as well as in Suburban Passengers.

(b) Position for the last three years of Suburban Passenger traffic and Passenger kilometres is as under:—

(In millions)

Year	Passenger Originating	Passenger Kilometres
1992-93	2282	60448
1993-94	2302	63045
1994-95	2392 (Prov.)	66202 (Prov.)

(c) More booking windows have been opened. Additional Self Printing Ticket machines are being installed to enable speedy issue of tickets.

Norms for Electrification of Railway Stations

2189. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any norms for the railway stations in the country to be eligible for electrification;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether all railway stations in Maharashtra who fulfil the eligibility norms have been electrified;

(d) if so, the details of the stations so electrified and if not, which eligible stations have so far not been electrified with reasons therefore; and

(e) by when all the eligible railway stations in Maharashtra will be electrified;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The norms for electrification of railway stations have recently been revised and are as under:—